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For: <b>SECRETED AND</b>	)	<b>Customer No. 35489</b>
<b>TRANSMEMBRANE</b>	)	
<b>POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC</b>	)	
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 8, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20040301), please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed requesting a Petition for Extension of Time for three months with necessary fees.

The present Amendment and Response is accompanied by the submission an Information Disclosure Statement, the consideration of which is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.